

Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on 5-9-03.

I. DISPUTE

Whether there should be reimbursement for CPT code 00630-P3 rendered on 11-7-02.

II. FINDINGS

The respondent denied reimbursement based upon “U – No further medical.”

On 10-17-02, the respondent’s representative, ____, gave preauthorization approval for “right posterior lumbar decompression discectomy L5-S1.” The anesthesia services were provided for the preauthorized procedure; therefore, the insurance carrier violated Rule 133.301(a) by retrospectively denying preauthorized treatment based upon medical necessity. This dispute will be forwarded to the Division of Compliance and Practice for further investigation.

III. RATIONALE

DOS	CPT CODE	Billed	Paid	EOB Denial Code	MARS (Maximum Allowable Reimbursement)	Reference	Rationale
11-7-02	00630P3 (120 minutes)	\$1275.00	\$0.00	U	RVU of 8 P3 = 1 Time = 6 Total = 15 X \$40.00 = \$600.00 for anesthesiologist and \$525.00 for CRNA	Rule 134.600 Rule 133.301(a) Anesthesia GR (I)(B)(1-4), (I)(C)(2)(a)	Anesthesia report supports service billed per MFG, reimbursement of amount requested on TWCC-60 table which is less than MAR in MFG is recommended.
TOTAL							The requestor is entitled to reimbursement of \$520.00.

IV. DECISION & ORDER

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor **is** entitled to reimbursement for CPT code (00630P3) in the amount of **\$ 520.00**. Pursuant to Sections 402.042, 413.016, 413.031, and 413.019 the Division hereby ORDERS the Respondent to remit **\$520.00** plus all accrued interest due at the time of payment to the Requestor within 20 days receipt of this Order.

The above Findings, Decision and Order are hereby issued this 2nd day of April 2004.

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Medical Review Division